

CLAIMS:

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed and desired to be secured by Letters Patent is:

1. A splint worn by someone suffering from carpal tunnel syndrome during periods of time when the wearer is not engaging in activities which might aggravate their injury but still requires a level of support comprising:

a first sleeve fitting over the person's hand and extending up the person's arm past their wrist and including a first support means incorporated in the first sleeve and positioned to support the median nerve passing through the carpal tunnel and alleviate the pain caused by carpal tunnel syndrome; and

a second sleeve which is worn in place of the first said sleeve, said second sleeve also extending up the person's arm past their wrist, the second sleeve extending further up the person's arm than the first splint sleeve, and a second support means incorporated in the second sleeve to also relieve pressure on the median nerve and further alleviate the pain caused by carpal tunnel syndrome.

2. The splint of claim 1 wherein each sleeve is open at one end and closed at its opposite end, the open end of each sleeve being sized to fit over the person's arm and the opposite end having openings in it for the person's thumb and fingers so the respective sleeves can be fitted onto the person's arm.

3. The splint of claim 2 wherein each sleeve is of an elasticized material so to provide a snug fit when worn.

4. The splint of claim 1 wherein each support means includes a pocket formed adjacent an inner end of the respective sleeve and extending over the portion of the person's hand and wrist where the carpal tunnel extends.

5. The splint of claim 5 in which the pocket is filled with a support material for supporting the median nerve.

6. The splint of claim 5 in which the pocket is an air pocket pressurized with air to provide the requisite.

7. The splint of claim 5 further including a splint inserted into the pocket to support the median nerve.